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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

PARTICIPANTS: Col. John W. Moore (USAF) (Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Intelligence Group), and []

PLACE : Office of [] 30 January 1953.

SUBJECT : Ukrainian Emigration in the U. S.

1. Col. Moore stated he was interested in obtaining information for General Young of the JSPD on the subject of the lobbying activities of the Ukrainian emigration in the United States.

2. [] gave Col. Moore a brief description of the overt Ukrainian organizations in the U. S., pointing out that probably the most significant organization is the UCCA. It was further stated that:

a. Most of the Ukrainian organizations are united in one objective - the ultimate establishment of an independent Ukrainian state, and that most of their political activities in the U. S., therefore, were directed towards this objective.

b. As to whether there is an organized Ukrainian lobby, [] stated he was not aware of the existence of any formal lobbying group representing the various Ukrainian organizations. However, it is public knowledge that the Ukrainian leaders representing the various political and welfare organizations do maintain contact with the officials of the Government. In this connection, [] stated that on 24 January 1953 approximately 8000 Ukrainians met in Philadelphia and New York to celebrate Ukraine's Independence Day. Among the prominent speakers, both in Philadelphia and New York, was Senator Kersten. On previous occasions Representative O. K. Armstrong and Secretary of the Interior Chapman have appeared at other Ukrainian meetings.

c. The policy of the U. S. Government is based on the principle of self-determination, which is not always accepted by the Ukrainian emigre leaders here and abroad; these leaders in most cases are actively promoting the cause of Ukrainian independence.

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d. During the last war substantial Ukrainian resistance forces fought both the Germans and the Russians in an attempt to establish an independent Ukraine.

e. The Ukrainian emigration in the U. S., which numbers approximately 300,000, consists primarily of Ukrainians who left Russia before and immediately after the revolution, and the most recent groups representing DP's who have arrived in this country since 1947.

3. Col. Moore stated he was aware that, in the United Nations, the Ukraine was represented as an independent state. On this subject [] replied that:

a. Although the Ukraine was included among the United Nations as an independent state, this was made by special arrangement and does not mean that the U. S. Government today recognizes the Ukraine as an independent nation. The Ukraine did exist as an independent state from 1918-21 and at that time the Ukraine was granted de jure and de facto recognition by several European powers. The U. S., however, has never recognized the independence of the Ukraine. In 1921 the Bolsheviks overran the Ukraine and the Ukraine National Rada was forced to flee the country. Some of the former members of the Ukraine National Rada are still alive today maintaining headquarters in Germany. Although the Ukraine National Rada considers itself as a government-in-exile, the U. S. has not recognized it as such.

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